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PATENT
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Hidehiko FUNAOKA et al.**

Serial No.: **Not Yet Assigned**
(PCT/JP99/05344)

Filed: **March 29, 2001**

For: **MICROPOROUS POLYOLEFIN MEMBRANE, AND METHOD OF
PRODUCING THE SAME**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: March 29, 2001

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 4, 7-10, 14 and 17-24 as follows:

4. (Amended) The microporous polyolefin membrane according to Claim 1, wherein said
polyolefin composition (B) contains an ultra-high-molecular-weight polyolefin having a weight-
average molecular weight of 7×10^5 or more at 1 weight % or more.

7. (Amended) The microporous polyolefin membrane according to one of Claims 1 to 4,
wherein said polyolefin (A) or polyolefin for said composition (B) is polypropylene or polyethylene.